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- 25X1 1. [redacted] major East German production plants such as Elektro-
Apparate Werke in Berlin-Treptow, the Leuna works, the Kari Liebknecht plant
25X1 in Magdeburg, the Elektromotoren Werk in Wernigerode, the Buna plant in Schke-
pan and the Hennigsdorf steel works, indicate that the mood of the workers is
becoming increasingly aggressive with each day that the Berlin Conference con-
tinues. A perceptible air of stagnation after 17 June has evaporated with the
holding of the Big Four Conference. Workers are reported to have a much more
aggressive attitude toward SED cadre and party shop stewards in the plants.
2. Trade union papers of West German origin and copies of the Aisan proposal are
allegedly being freely passed from worker to worker. During the SED-led dis-
cussions of the Four-Power Conference being continually carried on at the plants,
workers, in their participation in the discussions, allegedly freely intimate
25X1 that they have been listening to Western radio broadcasts.
- 25X1 3. [redacted] certain SED functionaries are proceeding
cautiously and are trying to ingratiate themselves with the workers (Rueckver-
sicherungsbestrebungen) reminiscent of Gestapo efforts during the last days of
25X1 World War II. A further example of the workers' mood at Leuna is illustrated
by the fate of an "activist" who was interviewed by the Taegliche Rundschau.
This interview as picked up by the SED Bezirksleitung and used in a brochure
which was widely distributed. Three days after it appeared, the "activist" and
his wife openly received threats of bodily harm. His wife was threatened even
while shopping and as a result she and her husband fled to West Berlin.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] the East German
populace is willing to accept the failure of the Berlin Conference rather than
25X1 have a compromise come about with the Russians. Reports allege that Western
press stories to the effect that another 17 June is impossible because the
25X1 revolt leaders have been arrested are untrue. Those workers who actively par-
ticipated in the 17 June revolt and are still free have spent much thought on
25X1 how "the next time" could better succeed.
5. East German workers' opinions, shared by West Berlin trade-union leaders, in-
dicate that the danger of an explosion in East Germany exists.

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